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FOR AMBASSADORS LEWIS AND EILTS FROM SAUNDERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO BEGIN ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS

REF: CAIRO 18867

1. FOR LEWIS. SECRETARY HAS ASKED ME TO SEND YOU THE
FOLLOWING TEXT OF A MESSAGE FROM HIM TO PRIME MINISTER
BEGIN. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

WE HAVE JUST HEARD OF THE RUMORED PLAN TO ESTABLISH FIVE
NEW SETTLEMENTS ON THE WEST BANK. AS YOU WILL REMEMBER
AFTER THE HISTORIC STEPS OF LAST FALL, A PRINCIPAL REASON
THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS VERY SOON RAN INTO TROUBLE WAS
THE ACTION TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENTS. I AM
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DEEPLY CONCERNED, AND URGE YOU NOT TO TAKE ANY STEP WHICH
WOULD UNDERMINE THE CAMP DAVID MEETINGS OR SUBSEQUENT
PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

PLEASE INFORM ME DIRECTLY WHAT YOUR PLANS ARE SO THAT I
CAN HELP TO EASE THE CONCERN BEING EXPRESSED HERE AND IN
EGYPT. END TEXT.

2. IN PASSING THIS ON, YOU MAY RELATE IT TO THE SECRETARY'S CONVERSATIONS WITH BEGIN AND SADAT ON COOLING THE RHETORIC BEFORE THE CAMP DAVID MEETINGS. THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE GIVES YOU A PEG ON WHICH TO HAND THIS POINT.

3. FOR EILTS. WE ARE PROVIDING YOU WITH THE TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO BEGIN ONLY FOR YOUR BACKGROUND SO YOU WILL HAVE THE FLAVOR OF IT. HOWEVER, THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED THAT YOU GET WORD TO KAMEL THAT, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, NO ISRAELI CABINET ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON NEW SETTLEMENTS, BUT WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH URGENTLY WITH THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND ARE AWAITING THEIR RESPONSE. WE WILL SAY THIS PUBLICLY AND WILL ALSO STATE THAT OUR POSITION ON SETTLEMENTS REMAINS UNCHANGED. SECRETARY, AS OF THIS MOMENT, PLANS TO MAKE THIS STATEMENT HIMSELF WHEN HE FACES THE MICROPHONES FOLLOWING HIS CLOSED SESSION WITH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE THIS MORNING (MONDAY).

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